**Project Overview:** In this project, you will choose a genre that you’re interested in exploring. This genre can be academic (biology lab report), professional (resume), personal (journal/blog/text message), literary (sonnet, love poem), or a “real world” text (billboard, take-out menu). You will need to find a sample of your genre. You will then conduct research on your genre. You will analyze components of the genre (purpose, audience, conventions).

**What you will do:**

* You will detail your knowledge of your genre in a 4-7 page (single-spaced) report. (You will be provided with guidelines for structuring this report in class).
* You will consult at least two outside sources (and cite them) in your report.
* You will provide a 1-page handout (or poster) with your sample genre. Components of this genre will be labeled. (We will discuss this in class)

Students will engage in the following **course goals** while completing this project:

* Developing dexterity with writing processes of prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing.
* Preparing you to be an active member of a writing community by both giving and receiving commentary on work from others in the class (including the instructor).
* Learning to identify, analyze, and produce various genres of academic and non-academic writing.
* Engaging in appropriate uses of technology to research topics, draft papers, and publish final projects.
* Developing flexible research skills for composing print and non-print projects.
* Learning to self-assess and improve writing conventions.

*What to include in your Project 2 Folder on M 2/21 to receive full credit:*

*Genre Analysis Homework*

*Project 2 Proposal*

*2-4 Drafts of Report*

*2-4 Pages of Research Notes*

*Final Draft of Report*

*Sample Genre Handout*

**Project Timeline:**

M 1/31: Introduce Project 2; Genre Analysis Activities

W 2/2: Genre Analysis Homework Due

M 2/7: Project 2 Proposal Due; Sample Genre Due

W 2/9: Report Draft Due: Introduction, Definition, Common Knowledge.

M 2/14: Research Notes Due.

W 2/16: Report Draft #2 Due

**M 2/21:** **Project 2 Folder Due:** Final Draft of Report Due. Sample Genre Handout Due.